

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 305 - HB 495

March 25, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Transfers jurisdiction of the Off-Highway Vehicle Act from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). All rules promulgated and contracts entered into by TWRA will remain in effect.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenue – \$15,000/FY11-12/TWRA
\$30,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/TWRA**

**Decrease State Expenditures – \$15,000/FY11-12/TWRA
\$30,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/TWRA**

Assumptions:

- According to the TWRA, the cost to run the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) program at North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area is approximately \$300,000 per year with \$225,000 paid by federal funding. The \$225,000 in federal funding will be shifted to TDEC. TWRA revenue and expenditures will decrease by \$225,000 and TDEC revenue and expenditures will increase by \$225,000; the net impact will be zero.
- TWRA anticipates closure of the Royal Blue riding area to OHV use due to lack of funding; permit funding will keep the program operating for a limited time after the effective date of July 1, 2011. In FY11-12, permit fee revenue will decrease by \$15,000. Such revenue will decrease an additional \$15,000 (for a total reduction of \$30,000) in FY12-13 and subsequent years. Three full-time positions as well as some part-time personnel hours will be cut. TWRA expects the decrease in state expenditures to equal the decrease in state revenue; as a result, \$15,000 in FY11-12, and \$30,000 in FY12-13 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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